

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE

ASSOCIATION

110 th Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY 17, 1979

The 110th annual Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. was called to order by President Calvin Thompson at 1:45 P.M. at the Springfield High school on February 17, 1979.

The invocation was given by D. J. Schleining followed by a welcome from the Springfield Mayor Delbert Williams.

State Patrol Chief Wayne Keith spoke about highway speed problems within the state. He stated that Colorado motorists were in good compliance of the speed law in comparison to our neighboring states. Chief Keith then presented a safe driving award to Officer Dolan Gordan of Springfield for 900,000 safe accident free miles, while he has been with the Colorado State Patrol.

CCA Executive Vice-President Dave Rice gave an interesting report on legislation being conducted at the Capitol

Dr. Larry Rittenhouse, CSU Professor explained a lot functions the Springfield Experiment Station develops. His largest concern was does the Cattlemen's Assn. wish to have the Stations research contract renewed. The Board of Directors was asked to reach a decision and get word back to him.

Senator Ken Clark spoke about the activities in the senate especially about the ownership of deep water rights.

Mick Mendenhall gave a report about the CCA Scabies committee's recommendations to the Livestock Sanitation committee. The present regulations will expire May 1, 1979 therefore the need of the recommendations.

CCA First Vice-President M.A. "Pat" Ferree told about the need for new members. The total state membership was down about 550 at this time.

State Brand Commissioner H.L. "Jay" Rowe told us that a vacancy had been created on the brand board due to a resignation. This is a 5 member board with at least one being a cattle feeder.

President Thompson called on Jim McMillin , chairman of the Resolutions committee to report. Mr. McMillin introduced 17 resolutions which were all accepted individually. copy attached.

Mrs Barbara McEndree gave an interesting report about the Southeast Cowbells activities and Doug Hasser reported on the Juniors activities and calf chain.

The nominating committee report was given by Narvey Larrew and the following were elected.

President-D.J. Schleining
1st Vice-Pres.--E. L. Matthew
2nd Vice-Pres--Jim McMillin
Secretary--Lorraine Schleining

KIOWA

George Blackburn
Wm. E. Rose
Narvey Larrew
Gary Rehm
Wm. F. Dawson
Leland Barnes

OTERO

Bob Morrison
John Givan
H.H. Mendenhall
Ken Clark

BENT

Ed Dean
Jeff Pointon
Gene Keenan
John Davidson

PROWERS

Jack Austin
Jim Barnhart
Bill Wootten

BACA

Clyde McEndree
Bill Sparks
Corwin Brown
Lew Mathews
Calvin Thompson
Dean Nichols
Mike Schnauffer

The meeting was adjourned.

At the evening banquet, Clair O. Anderson of LaJunta and Oscar Hasser of Lamar were presented the Bent-Prowers Honorary Life Memberships.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Schleining
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RESOLUTION 1

Whereas, the government has decreed that all passenger vehicles and light trucks up to a two ton capacity, shall be equipped with catalytic convertors and use unleaded gasoline, and

Whereas, the purpose of this regulation is to reduce smog and air pollution and

Whereas, the rural areas of America, and particularly those in the arid and semi-arid areas of the Western United States, are sparsely populated, and

Whereas, the use of catalytic convertors has been cemonstrated to be a fire hazard, particularly in our forest areas and grasslands, and
Whereas, there now exists a shortage of unleaded gasoline,

Therefore be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, encourage its members, the Colorado Cattlemen's Assn., the National Cattlemen's Association, the Colorado Secretary of Agriculture Secretary of Agriculture Bergland and Secretary of Interior Andrus, Representative Kogovsek, Senators Hart, and Armstrong, to intercede with Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency, to exempt farm vehicles in sparsely populated areas from this requirement, thus eliminating the hazard of fires, and helping to conserve the resource in short supply, unleaded gasoline.

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RESOLUTION 2

Whereas, the Colorado Constitution provides that the waters of our streams and rivers, and certain aquifers which are contributory to the streams and rivers, are the property of the State of Colorado, and that all other water is the property of the State of Colorado, and the landowners have the first right to develop and put this water to beneficial use,

Whereas, certain private interests are attempting to use these waters for unknown purposes without regard to the States ownership or the private property owners right,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association ask the legislature of the State of Colorado to:

- (1) Use all of their resources to rebuff the efforts of these private parties to acquire, develop, use, or in any manner profit from, the waters that these private parties do not own, and
- (2) Pursue through proper channels all litigation concerning these rights through all of the courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States, and
- (3) To enact any legislation that may be necessary to protect the rights of the State of Colorado and its landowning citizens from any future attempt by those who would unlawfully appropriate these waters for their own use and profit, and
- (4) To enact legislation that in any future attempt by individuals to assume property (water) that is not located beneath their own land; Provisions that would require the parties attempting to secure this water
 1. Be required to post a bond large enough to cover all costs of litigation, and
 2. Be required to prove their ownership of the water, and
 3. Be required to pay all costs of litigation in the event the courts rule against their claim, including those of the State of Colorado and all private property owners involved, and
 4. to reaffirm by legislation that the surface owner has the first right to develop this water for beneficial use when the need for such water is demonstrated.

RESOLUTION 3

Whereas, Richard A. McDougal, provided exemplary leadership as the first president of the National Cattlemen's Association,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association commend Richard A. McDougal for his untiring efforts and outstanding leadership in behalf of the cattle industry.

RESOLUTIONS 4

Whereas, the 1976 Tax Reform Act changed an heir's basis in property acquired from a decedent from the property's value for estate-tax purposes, The property's fair market value at the time of the decedent's death or at the alternate valuation date six months thereafter, whereby the decedent's heir acquired a basis in the property that was stepped up to the market value for estate purposes, to a policy whereby the heir acquired the decedent's cost basis in the property, and

Whereas, this change results in an heir paying an estate tax on the stepped up basis of the property and a capital gains tax on the difference between the cost basis and stepped up basis, and

Whereas, this additional taxation creates a hardship on the farmers and ranchers that will cause the liquidation of many family owned operations, and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States, recognizing the unfairness of this change and the difficulty in carrying out an elaborate set of carry-over basis provisions, by virtue of the Revenue Act of 1978 delayed the implementation of this changeover until January 1, 1980,

Now therefore, be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association petition the Congress, by means of its Representative Kogovsek, and Senators Hart and Armstrong, to eliminate the proposed carryover basis and revert to the pre-1976 Tax Reform Act method of an heir acquiring the stepped-up, and estate purposes valuation, basis in inherited property.

RESOLUTION 5

Whereas, Scabies is known to be a threat to the livestock industry in our area,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association accept and support a program which provides the following:

1. All cattle entering the State of Colorado shall be dipped in a Federal and State certified vat or cage.
2. All cattle entering the State of Colorado to be dipped on arrival shall be held separate until dipped.
3. The Commuter Program as instituted on State lines shall be continued.
4. Dipping of Colorado Cattle shall be discontinued as of May 1, 1979.
5. The present rigid Scabies inspection shall be continued at all livestock auction markets, feed lots, and country transactions. If Scabies is found, clean it up at the source.

RESOLUTION 6

Whereas, the Colorado legislature adopted a bill sponsored by Representative Forrest Burns, requiring all cattle entering Colorado feedlots be inspected, and

Whereas, many cattle entering Colorado do not go to feedlots, but to private premises, and at present are not included under this provision,

Therefore, be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association petition Representative Burns to amend this law to include "all cattle entering Colorado, regardless of destination or purpose", and further providing any such cattle entering the State of Colorado that have not met the requirement for inspection, be quarantined until such inspection is made, and, further, the owner of any cattle entering the state and not complying with Colorado Health Regulations and found to be diseased, shall be responsible for the expense of eliminating the disease in his herd and that of any native cattle which his herd may have exposed.

RESOLUTION 7

Whereas, the President of the United States has proposed reorganization of many facets of Government, and particularly the Department of Agriculture, and

Whereas, this would eliminate the cabinet status of the Secretary of Agriculture, and

Whereas, this would separate many interlocking entities vital to agriculture and further weaken our voice in Washington,

Therefore, be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association petition Representative Kogovsek and Senators Hart and Armstrong to resist any attempts to reorganize the Department of Agriculture with one exception, the Food Stamp program. The latter being a sociological program probably belongs in H.E.W.

RESOLUTION 8

Be it resolved the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record supporting a Beef Referendum, and that its members take an active part in informing their neighbors and the media.

RESOLUTION 9

Be it resolved the secretary shall send a copy of each resolution to all parties named in that resolution, further a copy of all resolutions shall be made available to all officers and directors of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, to the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, the National Cattlemen's Association, and to the various media of our membership area.

RESOLUTION 10

Be it resolved, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association reaffirms continued support of the 1978 Colorado Cattlemen's Association resolutions as follows:

- AL-4 Opposing mandatory unemployment Insurance for Agriculture.
- AL-5 Urging reduction of rates for Workmen's Compensation Insurance
- 9-A Modification of Child Labor Laws and Minimum Wage laws to encourage opportunities for young people.
- BT-3 Restitution of Cattle Theft.
- BT-4 Resisting any efforts to change our Brand and Theft Statues
- L-3 Right of opposing any expansion of Eminent Domain.
- L-5 Opposing Legislation which endangers or jeopardizes private property rights.
- #23 Urging reduction of government spending to cut inflation.
- #14 Opposing change to metric system.
- #11 Petition Government to release certain toxicants for Predator Control
- #9 Oppose price controls
- #12 Oppose implementation 1906 Reclamation act- Limit Acreages.
- LS-2 & 7 Support Brucellosis program- encourage calfhood vaccination.
- LS-3 Sanitation and Health inspection imported cattle.
- #1 Antibiotics
- MA-1 Imported Meat Labeling
- #3 Beef Imports
- #6 Inspection of Foriegn Meats
- PR-4 School Lunch Program
- SL-1 State Lands-entrys by 3 parties
- #25 Spending Limitation Amendment
- TR-4 Hiway Users Fund.

RESOLUTION 11

Resolved, Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urge Representative Kogovsek, Senators Hart and Armstrong, to support legislation requiring sound trading practices with foreign nations, particularly Japan, to gain equal status with these nations requiring the increase of exports of Agricultural products, including beef, in exchange for their rights to import finished products into the United States. The purpose of this resolution would result in a lowering of our balance of payments deficit and at the same time aid agriculture and the economical well being of this nation.

RESOLUTION 12

Whereas, foreign purchases of American agricultural land has dramatically increased and the continued erosion of the American dollar highly motivates foreigners to invest in American agricultural lands and ,

Whereas the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association desires to protect America from eventual take over of any significant amount of domestic agricultural production or natural resources by alien interests,

Be it hereby resolved, that we support immediate curtailment of foreign land purchases in the State of Colorado, and further that we go on record in support of Colorado House Bill 1144, Restriction of Alien Land Purchases, authored by Representative Forrest Burns of Lamar, Colorado.

RESOLUTION 13

Whereas, agricultural production in the United States is generally in a non-profit situation and,

Whereas, the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association recognizes any legitimate attempt by agricultural producers to secure a better market for their products,

Be it hereby resolved, that this Association go on record supporting the multi state effort to form an interstate grain compact and urge the Colorado legislature to pass and implement legislation joining Colorado to the "Interstate Compact on Agricultural Grain Marketing" as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION 14

Whereas, it is an established fact that agricultural producers in the United States are currently producing many agricultural products below cost of production and

Whereas cattlemen as well as other agricultural producers desire more stability in the agricultural industry,

Be it hereby resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association support National House Bills H.R. 144, H.R. 148, and H.R. 166 and National Senate Bill S.R. 20 which call for the major storable crops to be subject to a Commodity Credit Corporation loan of 90% of parity. We also urge the CCA and the NCA to support these bills.

RESOLUTION 15

Whereas, the American Agriculture Movement has provided a needed and vital service in bringing the plight of Agriculture to the Attention of the American public,

Therefore be it resolved, the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association commends them for their efforts and offers its support in obtaining fair prices for their products and thus help to maintain the family farms and ranches which in reality are the foundation of the American Economy.

RESOLUTION 16

Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members have passed to their reward. We, who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone on before us have firmly instilled in our Association.

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

RESOLUTION 17

Be it hereby resolved, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association takes this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the companies and individuals who made us welcome here in Springfield and so generously contributed to the success of this 110th annual meeting.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following:

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Springfield Mayor

Springfield VFW

Dr. Larry R. Rittenhouse , C.S.U.

Wayne Keith, Colorado State Patrol

Senator Ken Clark

CCA Executive Vice-Pres.-David Rice

CCA first Vice-Pres-M.A. Ferree

Colo. Brand Commissioner- H. L. Rowe

And a warm thank you to all other persons and organizations who have worked so diligently throughout the year, to further the success of our organization. Also a special thanks to the advertisers promoting the meeting and the donors of door prizes awarded.